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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY)

SUBJECT: PRESS REVIEW SEPTEMBER 4

1) THE KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING IS THE LEAD STORY IN  
THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG. MOST OTHER PAPERS CARRY  
PREVIEWS ON FRONT OR INSIDE PAGES. SUEDEDEUTSCHE  
ZEITUNG (LEAD STORY): VORSTER CONSIDERS HIS MEETING  
WITH KISSINGER A MOST IMPORTANT MISSION. HE IS  
CONFIDENT THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE  
DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA EVENTUALLY CAN BE  
FOUND.

2. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM  
WASHINGTON); KISSINGER IS CONCERNED ABOUT INTENSIFIED  
GUERRILLA FIGHTING IN RHODESIA AND ABOUT DETERIORATION  
OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE HOPES FOR  
PROGRESS BUT CONSIDERS AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE  
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PROBLEMS UNLIKELY. IF HIS MEETING WITH VORSTER PRODUCES

PROGRESS, HE INTENDS TO MAKE ANOTHER VISIT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA. THE ZURICH MEETING IS OVERSHADOWED BY AN "EXCHANGE OF BLOWS" IN WHICH KISSINGER CALLED SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE INCOMPATIBLE WITH HUMAN DIGNITY, WHILE VORSTER REJECTED ANY ATTEMPT FROM OUTSIDE TO "DICTATE" SOUTH AFRICA'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES.

3. MUENCHNER MERKUR (P.2) AND OTHERS REPORT DETAILS OF A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON A U.S.-BRITISH PLAN TO OFFER WHITE SETTLERS IN RHODESIA A "SAFETY NET" IN THE FORM OF INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR THEIR PROPERTY TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO AGREE TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

4. FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (P.2) AND OTHERS REPORT NEW RACIAL RIOTS IN CAPE TOWN AND PREDICT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ZURICH WILL BE "TOUGH."

5. FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (REPORT FROM WASHINGTON BY MONIKA METZNER CARRIED BY THE PAPER AS AN EDITORIAL): UNOFFICIAL REMARKS BY AMERICAN EXPERTS INDICATE THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH OF A CHANCE TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AND RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEIR VIEW OF THE KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING IS MARKED BY GREAT SCEPTICISM. EVEN KISSINGER HIMSELF IS TRYING TO AVOID GIVING RISE TO UNJUSTIFIED OPTIMISM. THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE SO COMPLICATED THAT ANY PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD COME CLOSE TO A MIRACLE..."PRESIDENT FORD AND MAJOR GROUPS IN THE SENATE SHOW LITTLE READINESS TO STOP CHROMIUM IMPORTS FROM RHODESIA. THERE IS EVEN LESS

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READINESS IN CONGRESS FOR EXTENDING GUARANTEES TO  
WHITE SETTLERS IN RHODESIA TO MAKE THEM AGREE TO BLACK  
MAJORITY RULE."

6. WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE (REPORT FROM JOHANNESBURG  
ON THE PAPER'S EDITORIAL PAGE): SERETSE KHAMA,  
PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA, SAYS VORSTER IS THE MAN WHO  
HOLDS SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE IN HIS HANDS. IF HE ACTS AS  
A REALISTIC STATESMAN NOW -- AND HE CAN DO SO IF HE  
WANTS TO -- THE FUTURE FOR BLACKS AND WHITES IN  
SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BE BRIGHT. HOWEVER, THE  
DECISIVE QUESTION IS WHETHER VORSTER WANTS TO AND CAN  
ACT AS A REALISTIC STATESMAN NOW...THE PREVAILING VIEW  
IN JOHANNESBURG IS THAT THE KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING  
MAY PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON A BARTER PROVIDING FOR  
VORSTER SACRIFICING WHITE MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA  
IN RETURN FOR U.S. READINESS TO TOLERATE THE CURRENT  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN NAMIBIA AND TO VETO A  
POSSIBLE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION FOR SANCTIONS  
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. "VORSTER MAY HOPE TO GAIN TIME  
BY SUCH A BARTER. HOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HIS  
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HOPE WILL COME TRUE."  
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